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JMWA PLANS FOR MIL. TYPES

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Signed by Stanulis for Esterline

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : JMARC Progress Report - 28 April - 5 May

1. GENERAL

a. Radio Operators: Two Cubans arrived in Washington and entered communications training. Each individual was assessed for communications proficiency and security reliability prior to his entry into training. Upon completion of their training these men will return to Cuba where they will train other AT men in Agency techniques and signal plans. These assets will be ready for activation as staybehind communicators.

b. Counterintelligence: Three papers for use in CI operations have been completed: (1) A briefing notebook on the Cuban Intelligence and Security Service assembled by [redacted] of the CI Staff; (2) A defector register card format; and (3) An operational summary format. (b)(3)

c. NSC Briefing: Prepared a resume of JMARC progress and activities for the DCI's briefing of representatives of the NSC.

d. Defense Liaison: The weekly meeting with representatives of OSO (Capt. Burns Spore, USN) and the Department of the Navy (Cdr. Frank Day, USN) was held on 4 May.

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2. POLITICAL ACTION

a. Exile Organization: Efforts to effect a common union of diverse leaders of Cuban exiles continue, preparatory to a meeting to be held in New York City beginning on 9 May. Discussions were held with:

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3. PROPAGANDA

a. Target of Opportunity: With the [redacted] of [redacted] cooperating, (b)(3)
WH/4 was able to provide a story outline to an [redacted] journalist now on his (b)(1)
way to Havana to interview Fidel Castro and other leaders of the present regime. (b)(3)
The writer will be provided with additional facts before his return to his home country. This opportunity has additional importance because it is understood that this newspaperman's report will be relayed to [redacted] for review (b)(1)
before [redacted] visits Cuba. (b)(3)

b. [redacted] (b)(1)
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4. PARAMILITARY

a. Personnel: A meeting was held with Col Fields (MPD) on 29 April to discuss the requirements for regular military personnel. Mr. Esterline explained the proposed duties that would be carried out by a special military assistant working out of the office of the Chief, Branch 4. [redacted] (b)(3)
currently on duty with the Agency in Europe, is the desired candidate. Col. Fields

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said that [redacted] was returning soon for consultations. MPD recommended that [redacted] USA, currently assigned to the Office of the Chief, Special Warfare, Department of the Army, would be ideal for assignment as the ground officer on the PM Staff. [redacted] is an outstanding officer who is knowledgeable of the Agency and has worked closely with us over the years. A regular Navy officer with a background in amphibious operations and small craft is also being sought. Col. Fields indicated that the Navy was ready to provide an officer with competence in these fields. (b)(3) (b)(3) (b)(3)

b. Assessment: Preliminary screening of candidates for the PM training program began on 26 April and was completed on 3 May. [redacted] we were able to have personal history statements accomplished by 18 candidates ranging in age from 18 years to 26 years. The average age of the group was about 22 years. Most of the men have been college students. Although they may be useful as radio operators, screening indicates that we will not be able to use any of these personnel for the action cadre/instructor training program. Useppa Island, which lies in the Gulf of Mexico off the western coast of Florida, has been acquired as an assessment and holding site. We hope to begin the medical, psychological and security assessment program by 15 May. (b)(1) (b)(3)

c. [redacted] Our maritime in-exfiltration ship has been completely equipped with beacons, radar and other essential electronic gear. Test runs have been successful and the capability is ready for a mission. There is a possibility that the craft will be called upon to exfiltrate four Cubans over the weekend of 7-8 May. Six PN-3 beacons have been received. These beacons have been tested and found to be extremely efficient for clandestine maritime work. Two have been sent to the Havana Station, one to [redacted] one to [redacted] and two are to be retained at Headquarters. (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(1) (b)(3)

5. SUPPORT

a. Cover for FOB: A series of meetings were held with Defense representatives pertaining to the acquisition of real estate at the old Richmond Naval Air Station in Florida and for providing defense cover for the installation. The entire property is currently leased from the Navy by the University of Miami. The Navy has agreed to our leasing of a portion of the property which will be used for our communications site and Defense has agreed to the use of Army cover for the personnel who will be required to man the station.

b. Swan: Sixteen indigenous personnel [redacted] have been hired to accomplish necessary housekeeping chores. Included in the group are four cooks. Seven Agency personnel, including a medical technician, are being processed for movement to the island. (b)(1) (b)(3)

c. T/O: Messrs. Eisemann and Stanulis discussed the personnel requirements for JMARC with Mr. Barnes on 5 May. [redacted] also participated. Mr. Barnes (b)(3)

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